



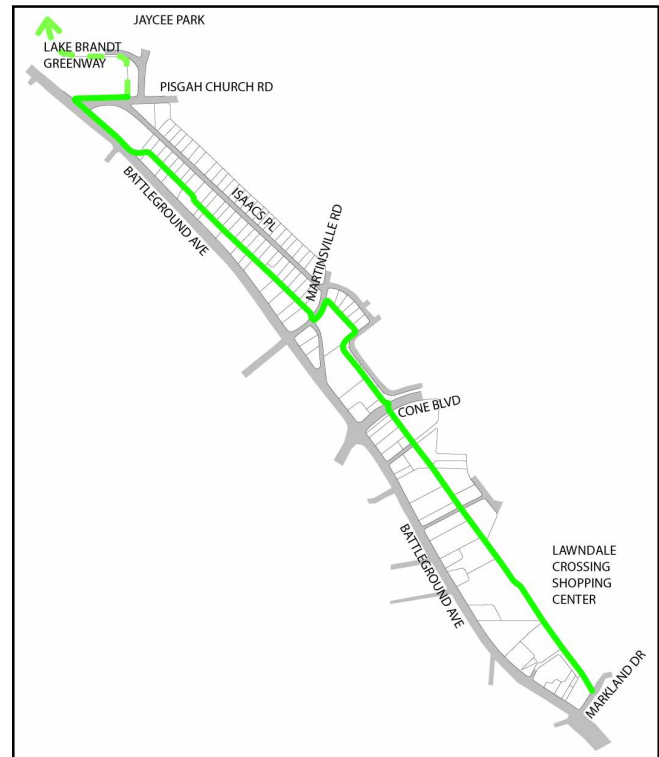
Battleground Rail Trail

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Trail Alignment Selected!

A preferred alignment for the Battleground Rail Trail (BRT) has been selected! A handful of alternatives were analyzed, presented and discussed at a series of meetings with potentially impacted property owners and the general public. The selected preferred alignment roughly follows the historic railroad corridor, beginning at Pisgah Church Road (where the Lake Brandt Greenway currently terminates) and ending near the Lawndale Crossing Shopping Center at Markland Drive. A few of the deciding factors include:

- A dedicated trail corridor will provide the highest degree of safety, convenience, and access and will enable the BRT to effectively serve as a pedestrian and bicycle throughway.
- Following the former railroad right-of-way builds upon the historical significance of the corridor.
- Feedback from affected property owners and the public largely favored the selected preferred alignment.
- A fenced and landscaped trail will provide an improved buffer and reduce the impact of Battleground Avenue noise and light on adjacent neighborhoods.



The map above shows the preferred location for the Battleground Rail Trail. It starts at the Lake Brandt Greenway at Pisgah Church Road and ends at Markland Avenue.

Summary of Meetings

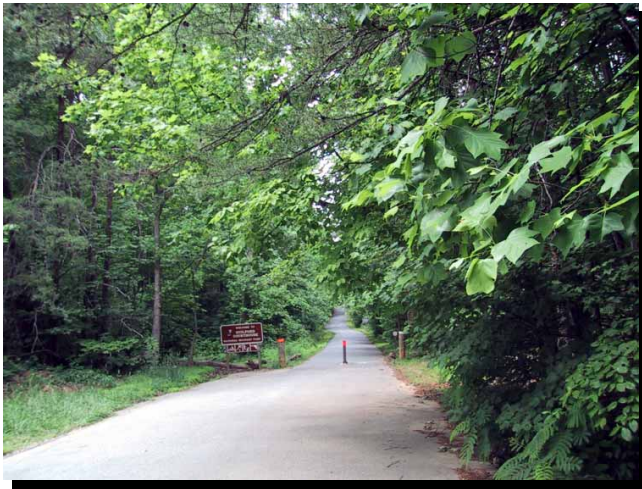
A series of meetings were held at the Lawndale Baptist Church to discuss the Battleground Rail Trail project. The first set of meetings was held May 20th and 21st to discuss the project with property and business owners along the corridor. Another meeting was held at Lawndale Baptist Church on June 25th to discuss the preferred trail alignment with the general public.

In all cases, the meetings included a presentation on the purpose and need for the project, the benefits of greenways, maps of the trail alignment, and example drawings of what the trail might look like after construction. City of Greensboro staff members were available to answer questions. Departments

represented included: the Greensboro Department of Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Planning, and the Property Management Section of Engineering and Inspections.

The most recent meeting was well-attended, and participants spoke favorably of the preferred alignment and the construction of a high quality alternative transportation facility paralleling Battleground Avenue. Television media was on-hand for the meeting and print media ran announcements prior to the meeting.

The opening date is anticipated by Greensboro cyclists and pedestrians. Excitement for the BRT is building among future trail users!



The Battleground Rail Trail will connect to the Bicentennial Greenway (shown above) via the Lake Brandt Greenway.

What's Next?

Now that an alignment has been selected for the Battleground Rail Trail (BRT), the city is preparing to take the next steps in getting this high quality alternative transportation facility on the ground. The rest of this summer will be spent flagging the approximate route of the trail and conducting a survey of the corridor. Once the property, utility, topography and other pertinent information are surveyed, design work will begin.

The trail will be designed so that it is a safe, convenient, and attractive facility for its users. Another design goal is to minimize impacts to properties along the trail. The trail will meander



The public was invited to view maps, photographs, and drawings of the proposed Battleground Rail Trail at a June 25th meeting.

somewhat along the historic rail line to better accommodate both commercial and residential uses.

A second public meeting will be held when the design reaches the 75% completion stage. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the design to the public and to consider additional public input prior to finalizing design details.

Once there is a finished trail drawing to work from and the City Council has authorized the final phase of the project, members of the Greensboro Property Management staff will begin negotiating the necessary property easements and acquisitions. Construction is expected to begin in 2004.



The Battleground Rail Trail can help define residential and commercial land uses. The pictures above



illustrate the existing corridor and an example of what the trail might look like after it is built.

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